

November 2023

Points of Interest...

- The St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) partnered with the Blue Water Immunization Partnership (BWIP) to offer Flu, Pneumonia and Covid-19 vaccines at a clinic held on 11/4 at United Way in Port Huron.
- COVID-19 vaccine clinics were held at Regency on the Lake on 11/8 as well as Mercy Village on 11/14 and 11/15.
- Preventive Health and Immunizations Nurses attended the Fall Immunization Conference on 11/9. The Communicable Disease Coordinator attended the Michigan Infectious Disease Society Conference 11/16.
- Environmental Health is continuing to assist the State of Michigan in an investigation to determine the presence of PFAS in drinking water supplies, groundwater, lakes, streams, and at sites of known environmental contamination. Recently, elevated levels of PFAS were found in several drains in Clyde and Fort Gratiot Townships. In response, 20 targeted residential wells were sampled. The results, along with all prior wells sampled for PFAS in St. Clair County, were non-detect.
- The Algonac school-based clinic held a soft opening on 11/15. Approximately 155 students/staff members visited throughout the day.
- The SCCHD promoted the American Cancer Society's *Great American Smokeout* that took place on 11/16. St. Clair County health data indicates that 1 in 4 teens and 1 in 10 adults report using vaping products. Resources are available for those interested in quitting such as The *My Life My Quit* program for teens and The *Michigan Tobacco Quitlink* for adults. For additional information contact the Community Health Education & Outreach team at (810) 987-5300.
- On 11/20, Liz King, Health Officer, Steve Demick, Environmental Health Director accompanied MDHHS and EGLE representatives, two BOC members, the County Controller/Administrator, Kimball Township Supervisor and the St. Clair County Landfill Director at a Town Hall meeting to discuss the odor/air quality issues at the St. Clair County Landfill in Smiths Creek. As solutions are being worked on with the Landfill Director and the BOC, residents with air quality complaints have been advised to call the EGLE pollution alerting system at 1-800-292-4706 for proper tracking and follow-up.